



*(AS)* in which M<sup>+</sup> is as defined in claim 1, with a compound of the formula RX, in which R is as defined in claim 1 for the formula III and X is a leaving group.

REMARKS

Applicants have added into the specification, page 4, the chemical structure equivalent -- (NaHCIO) -- to further define the known term "Javelle water".

Applicants have cancelled, without prejudice, claims 8, 11, 14, 17, 21, 25, 28, 32, 36, 39, 43, 47, 53, 57, 65 and 68 in order to reduce claim fees. Applicants reserve the right to file claims to the subject matter of those cancelled claims in this application, or other applications claiming the benefits hereof.

Applicants have also amended claims 1, 61-62, 64 and 67 to render the language more clear and concise. No new matter has been added by these editorial changes.

Early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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